

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 343**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana**

February 19, 2009

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An act to add Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 49700) to Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 343, as introduced, Saldana. Pupils: military families.

Existing law authorizes a school district of choice, as defined, to give priority for attendance to children of military personnel, if the school district elected to accept transfer pupils by a resolution adopted by the governing board of the school district prior to April 1, 2005.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to ratify the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and would declare the purpose of that compact, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 49700)
- 2 is added to Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code,
- 3 to read:

1 CHAPTER 11. INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL  
2 OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

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4 49700. The Legislature intends to ratify the Interstate Compact  
5 on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Legislature  
6 finds and declares that the purpose of the Interstate Compact on  
7 Educational Opportunity for Military Children is to remove barriers  
8 to educational success imposed on children of military families  
9 due to the frequent moves and deployment of their parents by doing  
10 all of the following:

11 (a) Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military  
12 families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage  
13 due to difficulty in the transfer of educational records from the  
14 previous school district or variations in entrance or age  
15 requirements.

16 (b) Facilitating the pupil placement process through which  
17 children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations  
18 in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course  
19 content, or assessment.

20 (c) Facilitating the qualification and eligibility of children of  
21 military families for enrollment, educational programs, and  
22 participation in extracurricular academic, athletic, and social  
23 activities.

24 (d) Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military  
25 families.

26 (e) Providing for the promulgation and enforcement of  
27 administrative rules implementing the provisions of the compact.

28 (f) Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of  
29 information between and among member states, schools, and  
30 military families pursuant to the compact.

31 (g) Promoting coordination between the compact and other  
32 compacts affecting military children.

33 (h) Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the  
34 educational system, parents, and the pupil in order to achieve  
35 educational success for the pupil.